**Fake stocks of coal in CIL and its subsidiaries**

654. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there are 8 million tonnes of unsold stocks of coal in Bharat Coking Coal Limited alone and in all 22 million tonnes in all subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, what are their grades and quality;

(c) what are the reasons for keeping such huge stocks of unsold coal;

(d) whether it is a fact that these huge quantities are nothing but heaps of black stones covered with coal dust, kept only with the objective to inflate the production record; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to do away with such malpractices in the Coal India specially in Bharat Coking Coal Limited and C.C.L.?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Pit-head stocks in Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Coal India Limited as a whole, as on 1-4-1990 stood at 8.054 million tonnes and 36.831 million tonnes respectively The grade-wise break up of these stocks is given in Statements-I and II.

(c) As a norm at least a month's production is kept as stock to meet eventualities like heavy rainfall, power shortage etc. However, in some units the pit-head stocks is more due to shortfall in demand or movement constraints.

(d) No, Sir. There is a possibility of difference between book stock and physical stock of saleable coal on account of coal production being generally measured in volumetric terms and coal despatches being substantially by weight. There may also be some admixture of shale and stone which could not be separated out during the process of mining.

(e) There is a system of annual verification of physical stock by special teams deputed by Coal India. The guidelines for these teams include estimation of physical stock of saleable coal gradewise, exclusion of coal stock on fire and deduction of shale or stone.

**Statement-I**

*Grade-wise pit-head Stocks in BCCL as on* 1-4-1990 (Figures in Million Tonnes)

| Grade | Stocks |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| Steel I | 0·010 |
| Steel II | 0·044 |
| W—I | 0·484 |
| W—II | 0·482 |
| W—III | 0·806 |
| W—IV | 1·015 |
| NLW—II | 0·003 |
| NLW—III | 0·281 |
| NLW—IV | 2·832 |

| 1 | | 2 |
|---|---|---|
| Non-Coking GR | B | 0.002 |
| | C | 0.041 |
| | D | 0 790 |
| | E | 0.192 |
| | F | 0.117 |
| | SLV | 0.955 |
| G. TOTAL: | | 8.054 (Provisional) |

**Statement-II**

*Grade-wise pit head stocks in Coal India Ltd as on* 1-4-1990

(Figures in Million Tonnes)

| Grade | | Stocks |
|---|---|---|
| Blendable | SC—I | 0.012 |
| Coking | SC—I | 0.015 |
| | SC—II | 0.014 |
| | WG—II | 0.004 |
| | WG—III | 0.148 |
| | WG—IV | 0 007 |
| Steel Grade | S—I | 0.010 |
| | S—II | 0.044 |
| TM Washery | I | 0.405 |
| | II | 0.145 |
| | III | 0.356 |
| | IV | 0.657 |
| Washery Gr. | I W | 0.123 |
| | II W | 0.791 |
| | III W | 2.030 |
| | IV W | 2.678 |
| NL Washery | II | 0 003 |
| | III | 0.281 |
| | IV | 2.832 |
| Med. Met. II | | 0.026 |
| Med. Non-Met. | I | 0.029 |
| Non-Coking | A | 0.919 |
| | B | 3.245 |
| | C | 3.966 |
| | D | 6.903 |
| | E | 4.171 |
| | F | 6.040 |
| N/SC | | 0.019 |
| SLV | | 0.958 |
| TOTAL COAL: CIL | | 368.31 (PROV.) |